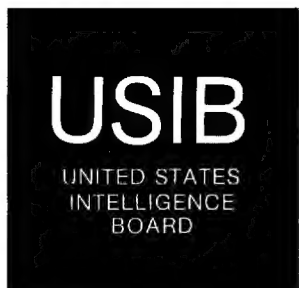


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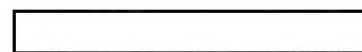
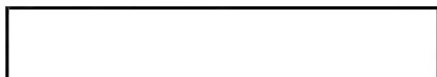
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In accordance with the revised Director of Central Intelligence Directive No. 1/5, the Watch Committee and the National Indications Center will be superseded by the Special Assistant to the Director of Central Intelligence for Strategic Warning and the Strategic Warning Staff. This change will take effect on 3 March 1975. The last issue of the Watch Report will appear on 28 February 1975. The Strategic Warning Staff will produce a monthly report as well as spot items pertinent to the warning problem. These reports will be disseminated to the recipients of the Watch Report and other interested consumers. [REDACTED]

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Correspondence and messages formerly addressed to the NIC should be sent to the SWS. Courier delivery should be made to SSO/DIA. [REDACTED]

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The Committee concludes that there will be no military attack on the United States or its overseas forces in the near future. Subjects of immediate concern are discussed below.

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I. Southeast Asia

In Cambodia, the government has made little progress in its efforts to reopen the Mekong River. Khmer Communist forces are increasing pressure in the countryside and against the capital's southwestern defenses guarding the approaches to Pochentong Airfield. A general war weariness and weakening of will is evident within the FANK forces, and we believe the military situation will continue to deteriorate.

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In this situation, it is not possible to predict the course of events over the next few weeks. There is a considerable danger that the Communists will be able to cripple Pochentong, or that a key FANK unit will collapse, or that the Lon Nol government itself will be overthrown from within. Any of these eventualities could bring the war to a sudden end. On the other hand, timely US supplemental aid might provide a significant boost to Cambodian morale.

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In South Vietnam, we continue to expect a resumption of sharp attacks throughout the country, particularly in MR 3, within the next few weeks.

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II. Middle East

Although Egypt, Syria and Israel remain in a high state of military preparedness, we believe it unlikely that either the Arabs or Israelis will resume hostilities in the immediate future. Both sides appear willing to continue peace discussions during Secretary Kissinger's March visit in the hope of negotiating further agreements in the staged approach toward a Middle East settlement. The risk of war will be increased substantially should the March talks fail, but we believe that both sides will seek to negotiate further.

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III. USSR-Eastern Europe

We see no indications of hostile intent in the military activity of the USSR or other Warsaw Pact nations. The announced Soviet maneuvers in the western USSR will probably get under way in early March, will be centered in the Belorussian Military District

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